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Mandate for an Ad hoc Committee under Agenda Item 1

"Nuclear Test Ban"

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In the exercise of its responsibilities as the multilateral disarmament negotiating forum in accordance with paragraph 120 of the Final document, the Conference on Disarmament decides to re-establish an Ad hoc Committee under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Nuclear Test Ban".

The Conference requests the Ad hoc Committee to initiate, as a first step towards achieving a nuclear test ban treaty, substantive work on specific and interrelated test ban issues, including structure and scope as well as verification and compliance.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Ad hoc Committee will take into account all existing proposals and future initiatives. In addition, it will draw on the knowledge and experience that have been accumulated over the years in the consideration of a comprehensive test ban in the successive multilateral negotiating bodies and the trilateral negotiations.

The Conference also requests the Ad hoc Committee to examine the institutional and administrative arrangements necessary for establishing, testing and operating an international seismic monitoring network as part of an effective verification system of a nuclear test ban treaty. The Ad hoc Committee will also take into account the work of the Ad hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events.

The Ad hoc Committee will report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1991 session.